

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/755,861

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Paul B. Yanchus

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendments filed on 4/18/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11 and 13-33.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 1/5/01 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-11 and 13-33 are allowed.

Reasons For Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1 and 24, the prior art of record does not teach or suggest scheduling a task on one of at least two processing units having different efficiencies by sending a request interrupt to the at least two processors in an attribute list until one of the processors sends an accept interrupt to the scheduler accepting the task.

Regarding claim 14, the prior art of record does not teach or suggest scheduling a task for execution on one of at least two processors in an order based on an attribute list comprising a task identification number of the task, a quantity of processors capable of executing the task, a processor identification number for the processors capable of executing the task, an address location of the task and a worst case quantity of processing unit cycles for timely executing the task for each of the processors capable of executing the task.

Regarding claim 31, the prior art of record does not teach or suggest a scheduler adapted to retrieve processing capability information from a processor attribute table, which stores processing requirements of a given task and processing capability for a plurality of processors, in an order of descending energy efficiency until one of the processors I found to possess adequate processing capability to execute the task.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, with respect to Claims 1-11 and 13-33 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-11 and 13-33 has been withdrawn.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment of record appears below. Should changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. Pursuant to MPEP 606.01, the title has been changed to read:

-- SYSTEM FOR SCHEDULING EXECUTION OF A TASK ON ONE OF A PLURALITY OF PROCESSORS HAVING DIFFERENT ENERGY EFFICIENCIES --

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul B. Yanchus whose telephone number is (571) 272-3678.

The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 8:00-6:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynne H. Browne can be reached on (571) 272-3670. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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